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A Letter from Captaine *Edward Wynne*, Go-
uernour of the Colony at Ferryland, within the
Prouince of Aualon, in Newfound-land, vnto
the Right Honourable Sir *GEORGE CALVERT*
Knight, his Maiesties Principall Secre-
tary. Iuly 1622.

May it please your Honour :

Vpon the 17. day of May, I receiued here
your Letters of the 19. of February from
the hands of *Robert Stoning*. Vpon the 26.
of the same, a ship of Master *Jennins*, with your peo-
ple and prouision, arriued here in safety : and from
the hands of Captaine *Powell* I receiued then your
Honours Letters of the 14. of March. And vpon
the last of Iune Master *James* came hither, from Re-
nouse, and the Salt-maker Master *Iohn Hickson*; from
whose hands I receiued two Letters more, that by
Master *James* being of the 4. of May, and the other
by *Hickson* of the 10. of the same.

All these being receiued by me, with an hum-
ble and a most thankefull hand, first, vnto God for
your Honours health, and next, to your Honour for
your continuall fauour towards me, beseeching the
same Almighty God, long and long to continue
your health, to the aduancement of his glory, both
here, at home, and else-where. I most humbly
pray you to build vpon my dutifull care and dili-
gence, in the setting forwards and following of
your Honours businesse, euen to your best aduan-
tage, and aduancement of the worke, and also that

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I shall be a dutifull obseruer of your pleasure and commandement.

And so with the like humiliay, I doe present your Honour with the good tydings of all our healths, safety and good successe in our proceedings (Gods holy Name be praised for it.) It followeth now (as my durie requireth) that I render vnto your Honour a due account of what hath beene done by vs here this yeare, and of all things else, which appertaines vnto me to doe.

This was the
last Letter sent
into England
the yeare be-
fore, 1621.

Therefore it may please your Honour, that as soone as I had deliuered my last Letters of the 5. of September, I immediatly addressd my selfe onely to our businesse: Norwithstanding our diligent labour and extraordinary paines-taking, it was Alhallontide before our first range of building was fitted for an habitable being. The which being 44. foot of length, and 15. foot of bredth, contayning a hall 18. foot long, an entry of 6. foot, and a Cellar of 20. foot in length, and of height, betweene the ground floore and that ouer head, about 8. foot, being deuided aboue, that thorowout into foure chambers, and foure foot high to the roose or a halfe storie. The roose ouer the Hall, I couered with Deale boords, and the rest with such thatch as I found growing here about the Harbour, as sedge, flagges and rushes, a farre better couering then boords, both for warmth and titenesse. When I had finished the same with onely one Chimney of stone-worke in the Hall, I went forward with our kitchin, of length 18. foot, 12. foot of bredth, and 8. foot high to the eues, and walled vp with stone-worke, with a large Chimney in the same. Over
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the Kitchin I fitted another Chamber. All which, with a staire-case and conuenient passages, both into the Kitchin and the roome ouer it, were also finished by Christmas-eue. This is all the building with a hen-houſe, that wee haue beene able to accompliſh before Christmas.

Many things elſe were done by vs in the *interim*, as the getting home of timber trees, firewood, the raiſing vp of a face of defence to the water-side ward, with the earth that we digged both for Cellar and Kitchin roome, (which wee found a verie laborious worke) alſo the ſowing of ſome wheat for a triall, and many other buſineſſes beſides.

After Christmas, we imployed our ſelues in the woods, eſpecially in hard weather, whence we got home as many boord-stocks, as afforded vs aboue two hundred boords, and aboue two hundred timber trees beſides. We got home as much or as many trees, as ſerued vs to palizado into the Plantation about foure Acres of ground, for the keeping off of both man and beaſt, with poſt and rayle ſeuene foot high, ſharpned in the toppe, the trees being pitched vpright and faſtened with ſpikes and nayles.

We got alſo together as much firewood, as will ſerue vs yet theſe two moneths. Wee alſo fitted much garden ground for ſeed, I meane Barley, Oates, Peaſe, and Beanes.

For addition of building, we haue at this preſent a Parlour of fourteene foot beſides the Chimney, and twelue foot broad, of conuenient height, and a lodging Chamber ouer it; to each a Chimney of ſtone-worke with Staires and a Staire-caſe: be-

They were
but twelve
men all the
last Winter,
vntill the new
supply came in
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fides a tenement of two roomes, or a storie and a halfe, which serues for a Store-house till wee are otherwise provided. The Forge hath beene finished this fise weekes : the Salt-worke is now almost ready. Notwithstanding this great taske for so few hands, we haue both Wheat, Barley, Oates, Pease and Beanes about the quantity of two Acres. Of Garden roome about halfe an Acre : the corne, though late sowne, is now in earing : the Beanes and the goodliest Pease that I euer saw, haue flourished in their bloomes this twenty dayes. Wee haue a plentifull kitchin garden of Lettice, Radish, Carrets, Coleworts, Turneps and many other things. We haue also at this present, a flourishing meadow of at least three Acres, with many hay-cocks of exceeding good hay, and hope to fit a great deale more against another yeere. In the beginning of the last Winter, wee sunke a well, of sixteene foot deepe in the ground, the which affords vs water in a sufficient measure. The timber that wee haue got home first and last, is aboue fise hundred trees of good timber. There hath beene aboue three hundred boords, besides the former, sawed since the arriual of Captaine *Powell*. Wee haue also broken much ground for Brew-house roome and other Tenements. We haue a Wharfe in good forwardnesse towards the Low water-marke. So that our indeuour that way affords a double benefit, the one of ridding and preparing the way to a further worke, the other of winning so much voyd or waste ground, to so necessary a purpose, as to enlarge this little roome, whereon (with your Honours leaue and liking) I hope to fortifie :
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so that within the same, for the comfort of neighbour-hood, another row of building may be so pitched, that the whole may be made a prettie streete.

For the Country and Clymate : It is better, and not so cold as England hitherto. My comfort is, that the Lord is with your Honour, and your designes: for we haue prospered to the admiration of all the beholders in what is done. And thus with my humble dutie remembred, I rest,

*Your Honours most humble and
faithfull seruant,*

EDVVARD WYNNE.

Ferryland 28. *Iuly* 1622.

Postscr.

The ship with the rest of our prouision arriued here this morning, and what is omitted by me, shall by Gods helpe shortly be performed. Your Honour hath greater hopes here, then heretofore I haue beene able to discern. All things succede beyond my expectation.

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*Another Letter to Master Secretary Caluert,
from Captaine Daniel Powell, who con-
ducted the new supply of men, that went
for the Plantation, the last Spring, dated at
Ferryland 28. Iuly 1622.*

Right Honourable:

M Ay it please your Honour to vnderstand,
that on the 18. of Aprill, my selfe, and all
the company, whose names I sent you in
the List, by my last from Plymmouth tooke ship-
ping there, and on the 26. of May (Gods holy Name
be euer praised for it) wee all arriued safe and in
good health in Newfound-land. Our iourney
proued so long, by reason of the contrary windes
we continually had. For at least three weekes to-
gether, we were forced to trauerse the seas to and
again, and got not forward to the Westward in all
that time one hundred leagues.

The accidents which happened in our ouer-
bound passage were these: The first weeke after
our being at sea, three of our foure Ewe-Goats, by
reason of their extreme leanenesse when they were
bought and brought aboard, died, so that now we
haue but onely one Ewe-Goate and a Buck-Goate
left: the other Buck dying likewise within few
dayes after our landing.

On the 16. of May, the furnace in our ship tooke
fire, and as God would haue it, burst forth in the
day time; otherwise it had endangered both ship
and vs.

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On the 26. as aforefaid, early in the morning we defcried land in Newfound-land, a little to the Northward of the Bay of Bulls, and before night came to anchor in Capling Bay within one league of *Ferryland*. The next morning our ſhip came about to Ferryland Harbour, and there landed all our people, where we found the Gouvernour and all his company in good health, as wee all continue in the ſame, praifed be God for it.

The Coaſt and Harbours which we failed by, are ſo bold and good, as I aſſure my ſelfe there can be no better in the world: but the woods along the Coaſts, are ſo ſpoiled by the fiſhermen, that it is great pittie to behold them, and without redreſſe, vndoubtedly will be the ruine of this good Land: For they waſtfully barke, fell, and leaue more wood behinde them to rot, then they uſe about their ſtages, although they imploy a world of wood vpon them: And by theſe their abuſes doe ſo cumber the woods euery where neere the ſhore, that it is not poſſible for any man to goe a mile in a long houre.

The Land whereon our Gouvernour hath planted, is ſo good and commodious, that for the quantity, I thinke there is no better in many parts of England. His houſe which is ſtrong and well contriued, ſtandeth very warme, at the foot of an eaſie aſcending hill, on the South-eaſt, and defended with a hill ſtanding on the further ſide of the Hauē on the North-weſt: The Beach on the North and South ſides of the Land lock it, and the Seas on both ſides are ſo neere and indifferent to it, that one may ſhoot a Bird-bolt into either Sea. No cold can offend

offend it, although it be accounted the coldest Harbour in the Land, and the Seas doe make the Land behinde it to the South-East, being neere a 1000. Acres of good ground for hay, feeding of Cattel, and plenty of wood, almost an Iland, safe to keepe any thing from rauenous beafts.

Aquaſort ſome
two or three
myles from
Ferryland.

I haue, ſince my comming, beene a little abroad, and find much good ground for medow, paſture, and arable about *Aquaſort*, as well neere vnto the head of the Harbour, as all the way betweene that and *Ferryland*. The neerenesse of the place and the ſpaciouſneſſe of thoſe grounds aforeſaid, will giue comfort and helpe to the preſent Plantation, and quickly eaſe your Honours charge, if a Plantation be there this next Spring ſettled. If therefore it will pleaſe your Honour to let me be furniſhed againſt that time, but with thirteene men, and giue me leaue to ſettle my ſelfe there, I make no doubt (God bleſſing my indeuours) but to giue your Honour, and the reſt of the Vndertakers ſuch content, that you ſhall haue good encouragement to proceed further therein. So for this time being loth to trouble your Honour any further, vntill the returne of *Maſter Wicot*, I humbly take my leaue, and euer reſt ready to doe your Honour all poſſible ſeruice to the vttermoſt of my power,

Ferryland 28.

Iuly 1622.

Your Honours humbly
at command,

Daniel Powel.

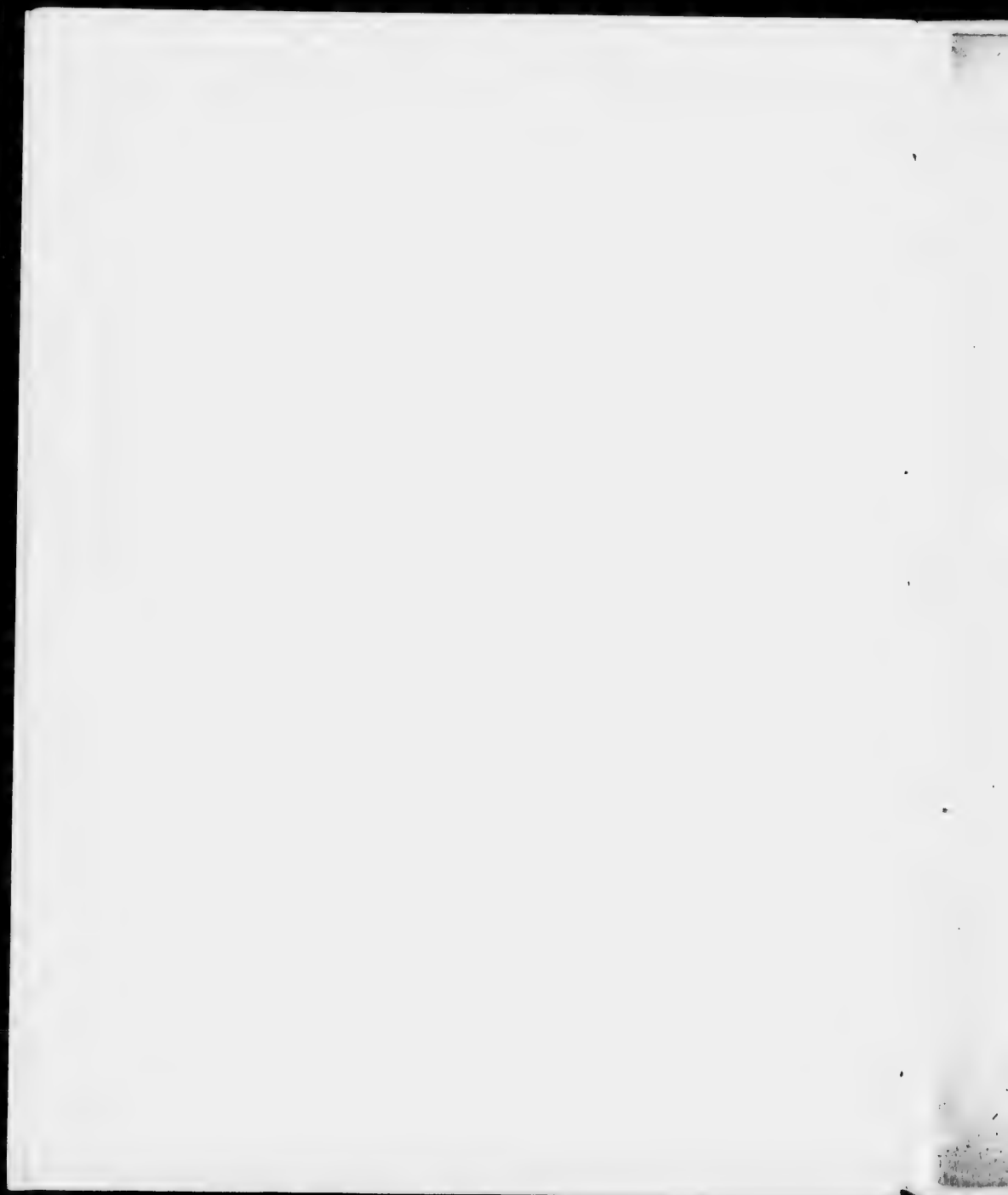
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**Another Letter to Master Secretary Caluert,
from Captaine Wynne, of the 17. of Au-
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May it please your Honour;

VPon the 17. day of May, your Honours Letters of the 19. of February I receiued here from the hands of *Robert Stoning, &c.* And so forward, as in his former Letter of the 28. of Iuly, relating the manner and proportion of their building.

We haue Wheat, Barly, Oates and Beanes both eared and codded, and though the late sowing and setting of them might occasion the contrary, yet it ripens now so fast, that it carries the likelihood of an approaching harvest.

Wee haue also a plentifull Kitchin-Garden of many things, and so ranke, that I haue not seene the like in England. Our Beanes are exceeding good: our Pease shall goe without compare; For they are in some places as high as a man of an extraordinary stature; Raddish as bigge as mine arme; Lettice, Cale or Cabbedge, Turneps, Carrets and all the rest is of like goodnesse. We haue a meadow of about three Acres: it flourished lately with many cockes of good hay, and now it is made vp for a Winter feeding. We hope to be well fitted with many Acres of meadow against another yeere: of pasture land, we haue already to serue at least three hundred heads of Cattell: and to all this, if it please God, a good quantity of seed-
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ground shall be fitted, and such buildings as we shall be able to accomplish.

Now in the next place it may please your Honour to vnderstand; That touching this Country, the Summer time here is so faire, so warme, and of so good a temperature, that it produceth many herbs and plants very wholsome, medicineable and delectable, many fruit trees of sundry kindes, many sorts of berries wholsome to eate, and in measure most abundant; in so much as many sorts of birds and beasts are releued with them in time of Winter, and whereof with further experience I trust to finde some for the turne of Dyers.

Our high leuels of Land are adorned with Woods, both faire and seemely to behold, and greene all Winter. Within Land there are Plaines innumerable, many of them containing many thousand Acres, very pleasant to see to, and well furnished with Ponds, Brookes and Riuers, very plentifull of sundry sorts of fish: besides store of Deere and other beasts that yeeld both food and furre. Touching the soile, I finde it in many places, of goodnesse farre beyond my expectation: the earth as good as can be: the grasse both fat and vnctious, and if there were store of Cattell to feed it vp, and with good ordering, it would become a most steadfast nourishment: whereof the large breed of Cattell to our Northerne Plantation, haue lately giuen proofes sufficient, though since, they haue beene most shamefully destroyed. The ayre here is very healthfull, the water both cleere and wholsome, and the Winter short and tolerable, continuing onely in Ianuary, February, and part of March; the

the day in Winter longer then in *England*: the nights both silent and comfortable, producing nothing that can be said, either horrid or hideous. Neither was it so cold here the last Winter as in *England* the yeere before. I remember but three feuerall dayes of hard weather indeed, and they not extreme neither: for I haue knowne greater frosts, and farre greater snowes in our owne Country.

At the *Bristow* Plantation, there is as goodly Rye now growing, as can be in any part of *England*: they are also well furnished with Swine, and a large breed of Goates, fairer by far then those that were sent ouer at the first.

The stones, kernels and seeds that *Stoning* brought me, were put into the ground presently after his arriual, the which are already of a pretty growth, though late set; for they came to my hands but vpon the 17. of May.

The Vines that came from *Plimmonth*, doe prosper very well: nay, it is to be assured, that any thing that growes in *England*, will grow and prosper verie well here: whereby it plainly appears vnto your Honour, what manner of Country the same is. Therefore it may please you to giue credit vnto no man that shall seeme to vrge the contrary. And for my part, seeing that by the prouidence of God and your Honours meere fauour towards me, this imployment is false to my lot, I trust that neither Gods grace in me, nor the experience that I haue gained by the trauels of my youth, will suffer me to wrong your Honour. Farre be it from me to goe about to betray you and my Country,

as others haue done that haue beene employed in the like trust. I trust also, that what I haue vnder-taken either by word or writing, will be found the Characters of a true and zealous minde, wholly deuoted vnto your Honours seruice, the good of my poore distressed Countrimen, and to the aduancement of Gods glory.

It may please your Honour to vnderstand, that our Salt-maker hath performed his part with a great deale of sufficiency, by whom I haue sent your Honour a barrell of the best Salt that euer my eyes beheld, who with better settling doth vnder-take to better this, which he hath made already. I shall humbly also desire you to remember my last yeeres suit, that our delicate Harbours and Woods may not be altogether destroyed. For there hath beene rinded this yeere not so few as 50000. trees, and they heaue out ballast into the Harbors, though I looke on.

It may likewise please your Honour to giue expresse order; First, that such as be sent hither hereafter, may be such men as shall be of good strength: whereof wee stand in need of sixe Masons, foure Carpenters, two or three good Quarry men, a Slat-tor or two, a Lyme-burner, and Lymestones, a good quantiry of hard Laths; a couple of strong maids, that (besides other worke) can both brew and bake, and to furnish vs with wheelles, hempe, & flax, and a conuenient number of West-country labourers to fit the ground for the Plough.

Secondly, that no more boyes and girles be sent hither, I meane, vpon your Honours charge, nor any other persons which haue not beene brought

brought vp to labour: for they are vnfit for these
affaire.

Thirdly, your Honour of necessary must send
some Gunnes and a Gunner with his necessities:
for the place and time doe require it. It is a dura-
ble Chattel; they will command the Harbour, and
secure all.

We stand also in need of another brewing Cop-
per, some Clap-boords, more Iron and Steele, brick,
some Lime, and Tiles for a beginning, whilest the
Slate-quarry is in fitting.

A compleat Magazine of all things will be ne-
cessary with victuals, linnen, woollen for apparell
and bedding, with better couerleds, shooes of wet
leather, Irish-stockings, coorse knit-hose, coorse
ticks, good flocks in caske, and in stead of cloth,
coorse mingled kerfies, and no canuase suits, nor
any ready made: But otherwise it may please your
Honour to send Taylors, such as will helpe to garde
the place, and doe other things. The like of other
Trades-men, and all to be furnished out of the Ma-
gazine, vpon account.

I went to *Formouſe* and *Renouſe*, vpon the fourth
of this moneth, to buy salt for your Honour against
the next yeere, because it is so deare in *England*, and
that which is now bought for the next yeeres fish-
ing, amounts to the number of 186. hogs-heads.

It may please your Honour, that another Iron
mill, and two Bridewell mills may be sent hither,
and then our bread-corne may be sent vnground:
and if at any time it should happen to take wet, it
may be dried againe.

We want a doozen of leather buckets, a Glazier,
some

some glew, rats-bane, two fowling peeeces of fixe foot in barrell, and one of seuen foot, with a mould to cast shot of seuerall sizes for fowling.

The last yeere I shewed your Honour of much courtesie receiued from sundry Masters: many this yeere haue done the like, though some likes not our flourishing beginning and prosperity. Howsoeuer, I haue proceeded with a great deale of care and respect vnto your Honours commandements, to vse them with all humanity. I hope you will be pleased to send vs the Plough next yeere, and Gunnes, for the time requires it. And so I conclude, resting

*Your Honours most humble,
shankefull and faithfull
seruant.*

*Ferryland 17.
August. 1622.*

EDWARD WYNNE.

The names of all those that stay with
me this yeere.

*Captaine Powell.
Nicholas Hoskins.
Robert Stoning.
Roger Fleshman, Chirurgion.
Henry Dring, Husbandman.
Owen Evans.*

*Henry Doke, Boats-master.
William Sharpus, Tailor.
Eliz. Sharpus, his wife.
Iohn Bayly.
Anne Bayly, his wife.
Widdow Bayly.*

Mary

Mary Russell.
Sibell Dee, maide.
Elizabeth Kerne. } *Girls.*
Ione Iackson.
Thomas Wilson. }
John Prater. } *Smithes.*
James Benell, Stone-layer.
Beniamin Hacker, Quarry-man.
Nich. Hinckson. }
Robert Bennet. } *Carpenters.*
William Hatch. }

Ioseph Parscer.
Robert Row, Fisherman.
Philip Iane, Cooper.
William Bond. } *Boats-masters.*
Peter Wotton. }
Ellis Hinckson. } *Boyes.*
Digory Fleshman. }
Richard Higgins. }

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I looke for a Mason, and one more out of the
 Bay of *Conception*.

*A Copy of a Letter from N. H. a Gentleman li-
 uing at Ferryland in Newfound-land, to
 a worthy friend W. P. of the 18. of August,
 1622.*

SIR,

MY humble seruice remembred ; account-
 ing my selfe bound vnto you in a double
 bond, namely, loue and duty : I could not
 be vnmindfull to shew the same vnto you in these
 rude lines, hereby to acquaint you with our
 health, the temperature of the Country, and the
 commodities and blessings therein. And first, for
 the first : Concerning our health, there is not any
 man amongst our company, that hath beene sicke
 scarcely one day since he came, but hath beene
 able to follow his worke. The Climate differs
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but little from *England*, and I my selfe felt lesse cold here this Winter, then I did in *England* the Winter before by much. The ayre is sweeter : for I neuer smelt any euill sauer in the Country, nor saw any venomous creature to hurt me. Gods blessings vpon this Land are manifold : As for Wood and Water, it passeth *England*: the one most sweet in growing and burning, the other most pleasant to taste, and good to drinke. For in the Whitson-holidayes (I taking with me Master *Stoning*) did coast some tenn miles into the Country Westward from our Plantation, to make some discouery of the Country, and to kill a Deare; and being some fve miles into the Land, where wee lodged that night in a Wood, we found much Champion ground, and good leuels of one, two, three or foure hundred acres together, and at the foot of each Mountaine and small hill, wee alwaies met with a faire fresh Riuer, or a sweet brooke of running water, whereof we freely dranke, and it did quench my thirst as well as any Beere, and much refresh vs both, and neuer offended our stomacks at all. We trauelled three daies, but found no Deare saue their footings, which came to passe by meanes of a great fire that had burned the woods a little before ten miles compass. It began betweene *Formouse* and *Aquafort* : it burned a weeke, and then was quenched by a great raine.

I know not who or what he was that gaue fire to it, but I thinke he was a seruant hired by the deuill doe that wicked deede who (I doe not doubt) will pay him for his worke. In the night the Wolues being neere, did something affright vs with their how-

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howlings, but did not hurt vs : for we had dogges,
fire, and sword to welcome them. As for the Beares,
although there be many; they beare vs no ill will, I
thinke, for I haue eaten my part of two or three, and
taken no hurt by them. Foxes here are many, and
as subtil as a Foxe, yet haue we coozned many of
them of their rich coats, which our worthy Gouver-
nour keepes carefully, as also of Cattagena's and
Otters, whose couerings we preseue as sitting pre-
sents for greater persons. The Fowles and Birds of
the Land are Partridges, Curlues, Fillidaies, Black-
birds, Bulfinches, Larkes, Sparrowes and such like.
Those of the Sea, are Goose, Ducks of foure sorts,
Capderace, Teale, Snipes, Penguyns, Murres,
Hounds, Sanderlings, Redshanks and others, all
very fat, sweete and wholesome. The Fowles of
prey, are Tercels, Goshawks, Falcons, Laners,
Sparhawkes, Gripes, Ospreis, Owles great and
small, Rauens, Gulls, Pitterils, and some others;
and of most of these sorts I haue killed many.
As for the plenty of Codfish it is well knowne vnto
you. Salmons, Eeles, Mackarell, Herrings, Lance,
Caplin, Dogfish, Hollibuts, Flowkes, Lobsters,
Crabbs and Muskles : All and more then all these
are here in great plenty, very good and sweet meat.
The wilde fruit and berries, are small Peares, Cher-
ries, Nuts, Resberries, Strawberries, Barberries,
Dewberries, Hurtleberries, with others, all good to
eate. Many faire Flowres I haue seene here, which
I cannot name, although I had learned *Gerrards Her-
ball* by heart : But wilde Roses are here both redde
and damaske, as fragrant and faire as in *England*. All
our Corne and feedes haue prospered well, and are
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already growne almost to perfect maturity. What shall I say? To say that I know not, I dare not, Thus much I know, as an eye witnesse, and much more good the Countrey doth promise to shew me : the which, when I see you, my heart shall command my tongue to certify you. Our Gouvernors Letters (I doubt not) will bring you newes at large : I wrote but this in haste, to satisfy my selfe, and shew my duty, desiring you to looke thorow it, as thorow a prospectiue glasse, wherein you may discerne a farre off what I haue seene neere hand, and see that your poore well-wishing friend is aliue and in good health at *Feriland*, who in the lowest steppe of duty takes his leaue, with prayers for your preferuation, and will euer remaine,

*Your seruant to bee
commanded,*

*Ferryland 18.
August, 1622.*

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